

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel withdrawn claims 12 and 13 from the 09/16/09 reply.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1,2 and 14-19 are allowed over the prior art of record as presented in 09/16/09 reply.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims in this application have been allowed because the prior art of record fails to disclose either singly or in combination he claimed device of a colon hydrotherapy device have a nozzle with trapezoidal outlets formed circumferentially around to provide a high-pressure fluid vortex via a first inlet channel to remove impacted fecal matter through an effluent channel within the same integral housing.

The closest prior art of record is U.S Patent 5,025,778 to Silverstein et al, U.S Publication 2002/0058914 to Henniges et al, U.S Patent 6,761,702 to Smith and U.S Publication 2006/0264808 to Staid et al, however these references do not disclose the device as claimed or described above.

Regarding claims 1 and 16, the closest prior art of record fails to teach among all limitations or render obvious the specifics of the trapezoidal outlets in the nozzle head and integrated inlet/outlet channels of the colon hydrotherapy device.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DIVA RANADE whose telephone number is (571)270-7456. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 7:30-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nick Lucchesi can be reached on (571) 272-4977. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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